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The Expression of Focussed Will

From these three cosmic planes [physical, astral and mental] (embracing the sacred personality of the Logoi, solar and planetary) come the united energies of the three constellations which control and energize our solar system: The Great Bear, the Pleiades and Sirius; these work through the medium of the seven rays and these in turn express themselves through the twelve constellations which form the great zodiacal wheel. The Lords or ruling Powers of these twelve sources of light and life "step down" the potency of these three major energies so that our solar Logos can absorb them; they "tune out" those aspects of these three Potencies which are not suited to our systemic life at this point in the evolutionary process, just as the Hierarchy upon our little planet tunes out or steps down the energies from Shamballa.

These three major energies in a mysterious manner express themselves through the seven rays just as all triplicities subdivide into septenates, yet preserve their identity. These seven energies, emanating from the major three and transmitted via the twelve constellations, are embodied in the seven sacred planets and are represented on our Earth by the Seven Spirits before the throne of God (the symbol of synthesis).

This tremendous inter-relation is embodied in one great process of: *Transmission, Reception, Absorption, Relation and Living Activity. The method is one of Invocation and Evocation.* In these two sentences you have one of the most important clues to the whole evolutionary process; the key to the mystery of time and space, and the solution of all problems. But the factor which is of major importance is that the whole matter is an expression of focussed Will.

Esoteric Astrology, p. 595.

The Labours of Hercules

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The Path of the Soul

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Through the Zodiac

"The path of souls to ascension lies through the twelve signs of the Zodiac . . . the descending path is the same."

Clement of Alexandria.

[*Editorial Note:* Lest we be lost in the colourful labours of Hercules, and the marvels of this allegory of the labours of all disciples on their evolutionary way, or be confined to the personal correlation with our own sun sign in this one incarnation, it seems wise to turn our thoughts to the deeper significance of the energies of these signs which fall upon our little planet, and the use we make of them. The larger picture of the effect on world and racial evolution should receive our thought. The Tibetan tells us that all depends upon our degree of receptivity and response — which is determined by our status of evolution. The quotation on the inside front cover from Esoteric Astrology gives a detailed survey of the larger zodiacal sweep and the origin of those energies; that on the last page summarizes their subjective results, if Humanity is responsive to them and uses them. A.P.]

In the life of Hercules — the soul in incarnation — and his progress round the Zodiac from Aries to Pisces on the reversed wheel, the path of the disciple, it might be helpful to briefly define the Zodiac so that we can follow his labours intelligently.

It might also be of benefit to ascertain whether, in our western Christian tradition, there are indications of the influence of the ancient science of astrology.

There have been many definitions of the word "Zodiac". The most usual is as follows:

" . . . the word is derived from the Greek 'zodion', a little animal, full expression being the zodiacal circle, or circle of animals. This was an imaginary belt in the sky, formed by two circles equidistant from the ecliptic and about eighteen degrees

apart, which marked out the path of the sun either in its annual revolution when the twelve divisions indicated the succession of months in the year, or in its diurnal course, when the divisions marked the hours of the day and night."

Astrology, the Link between Two Worlds.

by S. Elizabeth Hall, M.A., page 13.

Valentia Stratton might also be quoted here:

".... in astronomy, says science, the Zodiac is an imaginary belt in the heavens, sixteen or eighteen degrees broad, through the middle of which passes the sun's path (the ecliptic). It contains the twelve constellations, which constitute the twelve signs of the Zodiac, and from which they are named... The astrological Zodiac proper, however, is an imaginary circle passing around the earth in the plane of the ecliptic, its first point being called Aries, 0 degrees. It is divided into twelve equal parts called 'signs of the Zodiac', each containing thirty degrees of space, and on it is measured the right ascension of the celestial bodies. The movable or natural Zodiac is a succession of constellations forming a belt of 47 degrees in width, lying north and south of the ecliptic."

Glossary of The Celestial Ship of the North.

Walter H. Sampson gives us a very simple explanation of the imaginary belt. He says:

"The Zodiac, properly speaking, is that belt of the heavens through which passes the apparent path of the sun; its point of commencement is the Vernal Equinox which, as we know, is in continuous retrograde movement through a circle of constellations which lie near the ecliptic. The Zodiac is divided into twelve equal portions of thirty degrees each, corresponding, loosely, to the twelve constellations of Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces."

The Zodiac: A Life Epitome.

Alan Leo tells us also that:

"... the constellations are groups of fixed stars, the twelve central groups being called by the same names as the twelve signs, although they do not cover the same area of the heavens. The precession of the equinoxes, caused by the 'motion'

of the sun through space, makes the constellations appear to move forward against the order of the signs at the rate of $50\frac{1}{2}$ seconds per year." *Dictionary of Astrology*, p. 204)

Another point to be remembered is made by Alan Leo in the following:

"The twelve constellations form the Zodiac of the whole solar system... just as the rotation of the earth makes the signs rise and set, a new sign being on the ascendant every two hours on an average; so, as the result of the precession, the far greater circle of the constellations passes across the earth's ascendant, the equinoctial point, the beginning of the Zodiac. In this way, the great day of precession, comprising over twenty-five thousand of our years, corresponds with one of our days, because during that period all the twelve constellations rise and set once."

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Dictionary of Astrology, p. 167.

The second thing, therefore, to remember is that there are two Zodiacs, the greater and the lesser. The former comprises the twelve constellations through which the sun and planetary system appear to pass in a great cycle of over 25,000 years. The latter is the same circle of constellations through which the earth appears to pass in its annual revolution around the sun, and it is upon this that the astrologers base their predictions and cast the horoscope. Thus we have in these two Zodiacs the symbol of the progress of the Life informing a solar system, a planet and a man.

"As the earth in its yearly journey around the sun passes through a sign of the Zodiac each month, so does our solar system during its great journey around the central sun of the universe (Alcyone) pass through each sign of the Zodiac; but in this greater cycle instead of a month our solar system requires approximately two thousand and sixty years to traverse each sign."

The Message of Aquaria.

by Homer Curtiss, p. 23.

An interesting and to my mind more probable definition of the word "Zodiac" is given by Dr. Ethelbert Bullinger in his book "The Witness of the Stars". He says:

"The word Zodiac itself is from the Greek 'Zodiakon', which is not from 'zoon' to live, but from a primitive root,

through the Hebrew 'sodi', which in Sanskrit means 'a way'. Its etymology has no connection with living creatures, but denotes a way, or step and is used for the way or path which the sun appears to follow amongst the stars in the course of a year."

The Zodiac, therefore, is the Path or Way. When Christ spoke to His disciples as the Cosmic Christ, He told them "I am the Way", and to this it is possible to give an astrological significance, for all three types of Lives tread this cosmic Way, the Cosmic Christ, the Planetary Spirit and the human being.

It is interesting to note that the Zodiac is spoken of as an illusion and as an imaginary path, an appearance. Webster's Dictionary, for instance, defines the Zodiac as "the imaginary path of the sun through the heavens", and in all books of reference upon the subject the emphasis is laid upon the fact that it is all appearance, the great illusion. One writer tells us that:

"... to the astronomer the Zodiac is merely the pathway of the sun, the moon and the planets, possessing no more reality than the tracks of liners shown upon an atlas for the information of the intending travellers."

The Zodiac and the Soul, by C.E.O. Carter, p. 1.

163. As we study this imaginary path two thoughts emerge. We are brought face to face with the concept of a steady and unceasing progression around and around this vast belt of constellations. The idea of eternal recurrence and of constant activity (bringing with it, we hope and believe, a constant development) gives us a grasp of the magnitude of the One Life and a vision of an ever-emerging plan and purpose, which embodies the intelligent working out of God's thought.

The second idea, which found such a strong response in the human mind that it constitutes what is called "the science of astrology" and forms its basic premise, is that each of these signs, through which the sun and earth appear to pass, are embodiments of energies which have a potent effect upon all forms of life on our planet, and upon the world of ideas. Humanity, it is contended, has been and is affected by energies contacted by our solar system as it passes in and out of the various constellations.

If this is a fact, and if we can get a wide enough retrospect, it should surely be possible to demonstrate the truth of this contention.

[How then can these energies be effective? It is said that it is through the thought-form that they are transmitted. We glibly use the phrase, "energy follows thought". Here the reality of this belief is put to a cosmic test! Death is also said to be "a figment of our imagination". Ponder A.P.]

Testimony as to the Effectiveness of Zodiacal Energies on Earth Life :

In the larger picture certain interesting facts emerge. We can say, for instance, that between four and five thousand years ago the sun was somewhere in the sign Taurus, the Bull. Then we had the worship of the bull in Egypt and in India, and the sacrifice of the sacred ox, as in the Mysteries of Mithras.

Approximately two thousand years before the birth of Christ, astronomers tell us, the sun passed into the sign Aries, the Ram or Lamb, and the Jewish dispensation came into being. At that time, therefore, we have the inauguration of the Jewish Passover and the lamb sacrifice. It is interesting to note in this connection the true significance of the sin of the Children of Israel in the wilderness. We read that they made a golden calf and fell down and worshipped it, thus reverting in this act to ancient forms and sacrifices. Their sin consisted in a reactionary attitude and in not grasping the significance of the new age which was upon them.

Again the astronomers tell us that, when Christ was born in Palestine, the date from which our Christian dispensation starts, the sun passed into the sign Pisces, the Fishes. We have, therefore, the emphasis laid in the Gospel story upon the fish symbology. Christ chose fishermen to be among His disciples; He performed miracles with fishes; He sent His disciples out into the world to be fishers of men; for nearly two thousand years it has been customary to eat fish on Good Friday and on fast days. So we find the lamb sacrifice following upon the bull sacrifice, and the fish symbol upon that of the lamb, and this as the sun passed apparently from Taurus into Aries and from Aries into Pisces.

Now we are passing into the sign Aquarius, the water carrier, though we have not yet entered fully into that sign, a process that will take approximately a further two hundred years. We are informed by the astronomers that we began to transit into that sign about two hundred years ago, and it is discernible how since

then Aquarius, the Water Carrier, has begun to make his presence felt in the development of sanitation and the prolific use of water. But Aquarius is an air sign — and the skies are full of planes. Even, therefore, in its exoteric forms, the influence of the signs is surely substantiated and there is a real foundation for the claim of the esotericist that each new sign brings to the earth distinctive energies, new concepts and new opportunities.

It can also be shown that these astrological factors have set their mark upon our Christian tradition and upon our Church usage. It is interesting to note in this connection that on Christmas Eve, the brightest of the fixed stars Sirius is seen to the left of the meridian line somewhat to the south. Three thousand years ago, owing to the precession of the equinoxes, it stood on the meridian line. This is the Star in the East. At the same time, the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, became visible in the east, and it is interesting to note the coincidence that Spica, the brightest star in that constellation, means "an ear of wheat", and Bethlehem, the town in which Christ was born, means "the bouse of bread". When this arrangement cyclically comes about in the heavens, the great historic Sons of God make Their appearance for the uplift of humanity and the saving of the world. [It is also said that the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter created a brilliant, arresting appearance.]

One other instance of the effect of the constellations upon our Christian faith might be given. Two festivals are kept in the Roman Catholic and the Anglican Churches, called the Assumption of the Virgin, celebrated on August 15th, and the Birth of the Virgin on September 8th. Each year the sun enters the sign Virgo around August 15th and the stars of which it is composed are lost sight of in the glory of the sun's rays. At the time of the ancient picturing of the Zodiac, August 15th would see the actual disappearance of the cluster Virgo, but now the time is not exact, though the Church perpetuates the original date. On or about September 8th the constellation can be seen from our planet slowly emerging from out of the rays of the sun and re-appearing again. This we speak of as the birth of the Virgin.

165. — Two other indications can be given to show how widely and deeply the Zodiac has affected our religious beliefs. One will be seen as we study the significance of the Twelve Sons of Jacob and the pronouncements made by their father, Jacob, and the other emerges as we study the origin of the Cross.

The Crosses

The subject of the Cross is too vast a one to be elucidated here. The cross within the circle is one of the most ancient of the world's symbols, antedating the Christian era by thousands of years. The cross is originally formed by the interplay between the twelve signs of the Zodiac. There are in the Zodiac thirty-six crosses, for each sign is divided into what are called three decanates, which used to be known as "the thirty-six crossing stars. The Zodiac is completed with 360 degrees, the square of 90 degrees is one fourth of the circle, creating the four corners, which is the cross within the circle."

There are however three main crosses which in their symbology represent the three divine aspects, Spirit, Soul and Body. They are as follows:—

1. *The Cardinal Cross*, consisting of the four constellations:

- a. Aries Creation, commencement.
- b. Cancer The first door into existence.
- c. Libra The balance between life and form.
- d. Capricorn The door into spiritual life.

This is the Cross of Spirit or of the Initiate and it is interesting to note that the word "cardinal" comes from a Latin word meaning "the hinge of a door". The word "door" enters much into the concept of discipleship and it implies the period preparatory to passing through the door or gate of initiation. Here we have the idea of the door through which the Cosmic Christ passes at the end of the age when the heavens and the earth are dissolved and God's plans are consummated.

2. *The Fixed Cross*, consisting of the four constellations:

- a. Taurus Illumination. Mind.
- b. Leo Individuality. Self-consciousness.
- c. Scorpio The final freeing from illusion.
- d. Server of the race, pouring out the living water of purification.

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This is pre-eminently the cross of the soul and of real interest because it is the cross of the disciple Hercules. He personified these four signs, and was crucified upon this Fixed Cross. These four signs are regarded in our Christian belief as the Sacred Four and we find them presented to us in the four living creatures of the prophet Ezekiel. These four had the face of a man (Aquarius), the face of a lion (Leo), the face of an ox (Taurus), and the face of an eagle (Scorpio) Aquila; the Eagle is astrologically interchangeable with Scorpio. They are symbolised again in the four evangelists, and in the four beasts of Revelations. This Cross is the cross of all world saviours, and the cardinal cross is that of Deity, crucified in the water of space.

3. *The Mutable or Common Cross*, consisting of the four constellations:

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| a. Gemini | ... | ... | The interplay between higher and lower. |
| b. Virgo | ... | ... | The form which nurtures the Christ child. |
| c. Sagittarius | ... | ... | The aspirant, speeding towards the goal. |
| d. Pisces | ... | ... | Death. Consummation. The World Saviour. |

This is the cross of everyday life to which all the sons of men are subjected. It is the cross of daily crucifixion and of difficulty, and symbolises the incarnation period of growth and development through the medium of form and its use. In these three crosses is summed up the story of the Cosmic Christ, God crucified in matter, of Hercules and of all disciples, and of the average human being. They constitute the totality of the twelve signs.

<i>The Sign</i>	<i>Son of Jacob</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Aries. The Ram Lamb	Naphtali.	Naphtali is a play upon the Hebrew word "taleh", the Ram. It means the twisting and struggling Ram. Note the story of Abraham and the ram caught in the thicket.

Taurus. The Bull.	Issachar.	"He bowed his shoulders to bear." This refers to the yoke and the work of the ox in producing crops.
Gemini. The Twins.	Simeon and Levi.	"Simeon and Levi are brothers".
Cancer. The Crab.	Zebulon.	He "wished for habitation", "dwelling at the haven of the sea." The crab carries its habitation on its back, and dwells on the sea shore.
Leo. The Lion.	Judah.	Judah "is a lion's whelp. He couched as a lion."
Virgo. The Virgin.	Asher.	This name is from Ishtar. Ashera is the goddess of plenty. She is depicted as a virgin, carrying a sheaf of wheat. See Gen. 49, 20.
Libra. The Scales or Balances	Dan.	"Dan shall judge his people."
Scorpio. The Serpent or Adder.	Dan.	"Mentioned twice as two sons are assigned to Gemini. Dan shall be a serpent . . . that biteth the horses' heels."
Sagittarius.	Joseph.	"His bow abode in strength. His horse is the one that Scorpio follows fast after."
Capricorn. The Goat.	Benjamin.	In the Egyptian mysteries Capricorn represented as a God with a wolf's head. "Benjamin shall raven as a wolf".
Aquarius. The Water Carrier.	Reuben.	Means "the pouring out of water". The living water.
Pisces. The Fishes.	Gad.	A play on "Dag", the fish.



The Resurrection and The Life

By
Miriam Gebbie

[*Editorial Note:* Three articles are offered forming a trilogy on the Three Festivals: this one on Resurrection and the Life comes from Tunbridge Wells, England; the second on the Wesak from California. The third is on Service — the urge to Group Good — and epitomizes the June Festival of Goodwill, the Festival of the Christ and Humanity. This is done to remind us that our work is to distribute these energies throughout the year. Are we not apt to reach the crest of the wave at the time of these group endeavours, sink into the trough of that wave, and fail to perform the transforming service by their use, where use alone serves the Plan and evolution, and prepares the way for the reappearance of the Christ? We commend these messages to your study and use. A.P.]

At the coming of the Easter Festival our thoughts become filled with the glory of the resurrected life. At the time of the Easter season a direct play of energy is focussed upon our planet from the Constellation Aries, stimulating the welling up of the life force, with its tremendous outgoing power, and we turn our minds towards renewal, towards new beginnings and the rising up of the spiritual life out of form.

Everywhere we look, if we look deeply enough, we can see evidence of the great drama of the spiritual life — the miracle of creation and of resurrection. We see life bursting out of its restricted forms, and new growth, pure and strong, rising upon the discard of the old. Everywhere we find the signs of renewal and of transformation as the power of the life-urge acts in and through man and nature.

Yet the very strength of this vibrant life brings about crises of disruption and of renewal, for every living seed germ must burst its casing to release the new-born plant. The ground must break open with the penetration of root and stem seeking a larger life. In the same way the old, confining thoughtforms of men, the psychological blockings, must be periodically broken by the urge towards Light and must then be discarded to free the new creature which Man can become.

Christ came to bring life more abundant. New and abundant life is pulsating throughout the earth to lift the hearts and minds of men everywhere. Can you sense this new awakening of the earth, this new vibration in the people around you and can you help to give it spiritual direction? It is here to be released and expressed. Can you tune in to the joy spread abroad at this Festival time and help to channel the light and colour and joy awaiting expression among humanity? Mankind can tap and utilise this abundant power to release himself from the restrictions of the earth life, to walk in glory with shining face and to fly into the face of the sun.

Among the ancient Egyptian religions we find the legend of the Phoenix, that mythical bird said to be the incarnation of Ra, the Sun God. As the cult of Egyptian worship developed, the Phoenix became the symbol of resurrection and of immortality. This sacred bird was thought to live in Arabia with a life-span of from 300 to 1,500 years. At the end of each life cycle, so the Egyptians believed, it was consumed in fire by its own act, only to rise again, young and fresh and shining from its own ashes — a fiery phoenix, periodically resurrected, the guarantee of the resurrection of all beings and the sacred emblem of Immortality.

The nature of spirit is that of fire. We are enjoined, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." Are not these words the key to the resurrection—this renewing of the mind? The disciple who takes his spiritual life in his own hands, clear-eyed, knowing the cost but willing to pay the price because he loves his fellow human beings, walks through the fire and rises triumphant upon the ashes of his dead self.

And what is it that endures the tests of fire? Is it not the real, the indestructible Self, man's immortal soul which soars free of form with rays of light streaming like wings from his glorified being?

St. Paul said, "I die daily", We, too, undergo transformation as we daily slough off and discard the personality, relinquishing our little concerns, and turn the creative power of the mind to the things that count for the future of the race. From an opening out in communication with our fellow human beings in our immediate and wider environment we move forward in loving cooperation, sympathy and rejoicing towards an identification with the great purpose and Plan of God for our planet. With the sacrifice of our petty concerns comes greater freedom. We cease to exist within our

shell-like personalities but expand to serve the greater Purpose and the Plan of Love. We apply the creative, regenerative fire by our own act and this liberating power transforms us, phoenix-like, from the not-self to the true Self, from the particular to the universal.

It was in this sign Aries that Hercules the Sun God took his own destiny in hand. Spurred on by a burning desire for liberation he entered upon the Path and started his labours. Perhaps you will recall that his first task was the taming of the wild horses of the mind, the conquering of the man-eating mares of uncontrolled thought.

All Sun Gods, worshipped at varying stages of humanity's unfoldment, have demonstrated an almost identical life epitome. They have demonstrated the power of spirit over matter, the power of life over death, and they have set by their lives the supreme example of that which is within man's power to accomplish, and their achievement is the guarantee of our resurrection and our immortality.

This is the essence of what the Christ came to earth to do — to demonstrate to us the transcendent power of the spirit over form and of victory over death. One of the world's oldest prayers handed down from time immemorial is this: "O Lord, Lead us from darkness to Light, from the unreal to the Real, and from death to Immortality". The Bhagavad Gita says, "This lord of the body dwells immortal in the body of each".

All down the ages tremendous spiritual forces have been made available to help humanity realise its innate divinity and now the whole human race is becoming something more than human. It is entering a whole new area and dimension of spiritual living. The Kingdom of God is being established on earth. When the Christ opened wide the door of the tomb of matter he demonstrated for all mankind that the material and the physical need have no control over men's lives. Man can control his world and pass on to a future and a glory hitherto unknown. Everywhere in the world the resurrection is continually going on. We can see it if we look for it. The Christ spirit in every human heart, the divine Presence within each son of God, can be released by the power of Love and the invocation of the spiritual Will. We can stand free and go forth to love and serve our fellowmen, furthering unity and synthesis in every way possible, fostering brotherhood and inter-relation everywhere in the world.

For we are all of one body, the body of the Christ. Christ is risen. Christ is alive today and He will reappear. We have been told that every evening at the time of sunset He stands beneath a tall pine tree and sends forth His blessing upon the world.

Always humanity is given divine assistance whenever its need and its invocation is great. Through the ages the Sons of God, the Avatars of Light, of Love, of Synthesis, have appeared to show us the next step whenever their aid has been invoked by humanity's cry. Sometimes this overshadowing has been in the form of definite guidance, or of subjective impression resulting in a new outpouring of the Ageless Wisdom teaching, which in turn has anchored a new spiritual quality in human consciousness. Recent history is no exception, for the guidance of humanity through the Christ and its great Leaders, the Elder Brothers of the race, the Hierarchy of Light, is a continual process as long as humanity in its sum-total is responsive to it.

In the recent post-war history of the race, three outstanding ways of spiritual reinforcement were given by the Forces of Light to humanity, and it would be possible to think of others as well. These three aids were definitely given to meet human need at this specific time, and to prepare men for the building of the new age and for the receiving of the stupendous spiritual forces to be released when again the Christ and His disciples walk the earth. These three gifts, as they might be called, will be mentioned below with no relation to priority of importance or to chronological order.

First, humanity's Masters have come to its aid by giving out new teaching on the Science of Invocation and Evocation and have presented the three stanzas of the Great Invocation, each stanza having a specific purpose and function and a specific planned effect, each stanza being a complete invocation in itself. By their use, mankind is enabled to draw nearer to the Source of power and blessing and enlightenment, and to invoke a downpouring of energy for the restoration of the Plan on earth. We are now using the third and final stanza of the Great Invocation and are learning to sound it as a soul and as a Word of Power. Its use is spreading among people everywhere, bringing into a close working relationship the Kingdom of God and the world of men.

Secondly, a little over ten years ago the Cycle of Conferences was inaugurated within humanity under the direct guidance of the

Council Chamber of Shamballa for the purpose of offsetting the age-old narrow thinking of the bulk of the politicians and legislative bodies of the world. This Cycle of Conferences was, again, a step taken in response to the invocative cry of humanity for new light and vision on old problems and constitutes a transition measure while humanity learns greater cooperation in its building for the future.

This means that the world's planning in various governmental bodies and in non-governmental organisations meeting in joint session can come under higher impression and be guided to take right decisions by the inspiration emanating from Shamballa. It is here, at the council chamber of the Lord of the World, that the accumulated inspiration of the great spiritual Beings who guide our planet's destiny has its source. It is from this Centre of spiritual world government that the plan of God for His world emanates and can be invoked for human planning.

The cycle still continues. The high spot of its present phase, as well we know, is the preliminary talks going forward between the great Powers as a prelude to a possible summit conference which could result in momentous decisions on the use of nuclear weapons, H-bombs, intercontinental rocket missiles — matters that concern us all. Hence the protests being registered by scientists, by student university groups and others. The importance of solving these issues is becoming uppermost in the minds of people everywhere for it is abundantly evident that we stand at the crossroads where the future peace and well-being of mankind hangs in the balance.

The *third* way in which mankind has received aid in recent years is this: During the last war, and recognising the widespread tendency of people to fatigue and strain, the Spirit of Resurrection, a chosen Emissary from the Council Chamber at Shamballa carrying the "life-giving energy which counteracts death" was made available through the intercession of the Hierarchy in response to humanity's demand over a period of three Easter Festivals. The Spirit of Resurrection which has been called the Sun of Righteousness could then "arise with healing in His wings" and stimulate men's will-to-live by bringing hope and clear vision. This process continues.

It has been predicted that "during the coming century under the influence of the Spirit of Resurrection the meaning of the resurrection will be unfolded and the new age will reveal its true significance."

ance. Humanity will give up its old, selfish materialistic ways and move into a new life ". Following that, " in the next few centuries the Living Christ will walk among men and lead them onward towards the Mount of Ascension. The Pentecost will become an actuality. All men will come under the tide of inspiration from on high and though they may speak with many tongues they will all understand each other."

Thus always at points of crisis and need, the overshadowing spiritual potencies respond to humanity's cry of invocation and precipitate their beneficent energies into the world of human thought and action. New energies become available which we can contact, use and transmit. These energies can become real to us as a deep and undeniable experience. We simply need to get behind the words of all that has been taught, all that has been said, and touch the living truth of their reality, then let them work in and through us. Then we, too, can know for ourselves something of the true resurrection.



Salutation of the Dawn

Look to this Day
For it is Life, the very Life of Life:
In its brief course lie all the
Verities and Realities of your existence.
The Bliss of Growth
The Glory of Action
The Splendour of Beauty,
For yesterday is but a Dream
And tomorrow is only a Vision,
But today well lived makes
Every Yesterday a dream of happiness and
Every Tomorrow a Vision of Hope.
Look well therefore to this Day.

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There was one trait or aspect in common in the work of both the Buddha and the Christ for humanity. Both chose the "service of bondage"; that is, each of these divine Teachers chose imprisonment in human form, the better to understand the problems and motivations of humanity in order to meet those problems with better understanding. So, nearly five centuries before the Second Ray Christ "locked himself" in a human body, the Third Ray Buddha underwent this occult "burial" in the East and thus brought to His Brother on the inner plane the preparation for His coming sacrifice to Western humanity which followed in its due time and cycle.

Thus the Buddha became in the Orient the Third Ray seed of human-hierarchical relationship — the transcendent link; the experienced, compassionate out-pourer of Light. This was His gift to the Christ as well as to the men of the East. And Christ's gift to the Buddha and to the humanity of the West was the transposition of this Pure Light into the Ray of Pure Love. That which was, ever becomes that which is; cumulative, inclusive and expansive; each new and greater eonic *Idea* is synthesized, stepped down and adapted to new cyclic ideals and goals.

So it is at the Wesak Festival in which the Buddha, now the link between Shamballa and the Christ, overshadows His Great Brother and That which is the Mind of God merges with That which is the Love of God. And its issue, or synthesis, the Purpose of God, is filtered and adapted through Hierarchy to the imminent expression of the Plan in this dawning segment of the Aquarian Age. The buried seed of yesterday becomes the living organism of today. This is the principle of the cyclic seasons of all growth. That which the seed releases becomes the building energy of the new growth. Thus the seeds of Divine Intelligence, planted in the season of the Buddha's Mind Teaching on Earth became the foundation or structural forces that prepared the Piscean soil for the Heart Teaching of the Christ cycle among men.

And so it is that in the present incoming or planting of the Aquarian Age, the cyclic outpouring of these blended, these

synthesized building forces — these genes of Light and Love from the Soul Plane, are now preparing the soil of humanity's advancing awareness for their imminent issue — the externalization of the Hierarchical Teaching on Earth.

This is an *existing*, not a hypothetical thing. Sanat Kumara and His three pupils, the Buddas of Activity, as well as Shamballa where they dwell, beyond the Himalayas, exist in physical matter, but it is matter of the finer ethers of the physical plane and can be seen only by man when he has developed etheric vision. In incalculably distant past cycles these Kumaras occupied physical bodies and in the last Great Cycle achieved the highest initiation possible, thus becoming "focal points" for the directed energy of the Planetary Logos.

"Each century sees a centennial effort of the Great Lodge to forward the ends of evolution and the unfolding of the Plan. And the effort for the 20th century will be upon a larger scale than has been the case for a very long time. In this effort, coming around the year 1966 and persisting until the end of the century, a number of the Great Ones, along a particular line of force, will be involved, including the Master of the Masters, the Christ Himself. But only time and the preparation by self-effort by humanity will determine whether the field of His work will be the physical plane in a physical vehicle, or the astral plane." It is enough to know that the "vestures" (that is to say the embodied Divine Principles) of the Christ will act as a focal point for the force of the Lord Buddha, thus increasing the Christ's Own stupendous resources by drawing upon the still higher force centers via the Buddha Who does and will act as the intermediary with Shamballa.

The effect of these Great Powers within the astral plane will be to "still the raging waters"; to transmute selfish or astral desire into aspiration; and through producing widespreading results of a quieting and steadying nature within the consciousness of collective humanity, bring peace on Earth. On the physical plane this will result in the formation of ever increasing numbers of active groups in every department of life, focussed in the principles of Brotherhood, which are: mutual protection, mutual cooperation, and integrated service in all the fields of active living. These Aquarian groups will achieve results that would now seem spectacular because the great Magnetic Force has not yet been released.

The channel and the mechanism for this spiritual downflow is already being established through the science of invocation and evocation. It is up to the present spiritual groups around the world to keep this seeding circuit open. This is the impending pattern to be held in mind during the rest of this century at the annual recurrence of the Wesak Festival. Our work as participators is to further these ends by radiating those currents of thought and purpose which embody the principles of active Brotherhood.

We do not need to be a special or chosen group to do this work for the Plan. We need only to *pool our purpose* and to use our capacities as and where they are, fuelled with the power of the Great Love. For spiritual power is, all the way from God to man, the power to give when and where the need is. For us, a little more light and understanding where there is confusion; hope where there is despair; courage where there is fear; faith where there is doubt and steadiness where there is wavering. And above and through it all, the *will to world rightness*. For this is the pattern of will that not only merges all groups within the next unfoldment for the human race; but which, at the same time, lifts and conditions the Earth environment to adequately meet that Aquarian unfoldment.

In our meditations, let us realize that we are *holding open the "ground connection"* of that transcendent power circuit of Hierarchy and Shamballa, that its supra-terrestrial energies of Love, Light and Purpose shall be stepped down and carried through to the world servers.

The address from which this article is taken closed with the following:

INVOCATION :

Communicate in this extremity,
Great and Pure Voices!
For we are a little strong to take these energies
And shape their beauty into living forms.
Out to Light-Oceans of vast Consciousness
We cast small nets, for re-cognition,
Listen for Voices dimmed and faded-out
So long ago, yet whispering now and coming clear
To our intended most impeccable instruments.
Come into our range! Speak down

The shining and immaculate passages of Truth
To the awakening understanding of the World.
We offer love as hope; return us
Love as Power.

Margaret Forbes.
(From the Beacon of May, 1957).

Service—The Urge to Group Good

By
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"The personality consciousness is that of the Third Aspect of Divinity. This works in matter and substance in order to create the forms through which the quality may express itself and so demonstrate the nature of Divinity on the plane of Appearances." (p. 4. All quotations are from "A Treatise on the Seven Rays", Vol. 2.)

This third ray is powerfully expressed in American business, industry and finance. It produces the objective mind of science which is highly developed in analysis and has begun to reveal the energies locked in the physical body of the atom. Because the objective mind is personal, it has no synthesis and therefore cannot grasp the soul of the atom which contains atomic intelligence and controls the remarkable selectivity of chemical attraction. Therefore science has no basis as yet for the vital link which relates organic chemistry to physiology, or to the amazing life processes in the vegetable kingdom. When etheric energy is recognized by science, the relation between atomic attraction in the mineral world and sensation, as expressed in the flowers, trees and vegetables, will be widely investigated. Etheric energy will provide a solid basis for the unity of mankind and nature on the objective side, in the world of appearances.

"The egoic consciousness is that of the Second Aspect of Divinity — that of the soul expressing itself as quality and the subjective 'colour' of the appearances. This naturally varies according to the ability of the soul to master its vehicle, matter, and express innate quality thru the outer form." (p. 4).

This progressive relation between quality and form exists both in nature and in human nature. The natural sciences will be

integrated as they recognize through research the One Life expressing itself as atomic attraction in the mineral kingdom which gives life to sensation in the vegetable kingdom which in turn gives life and food to instinct in the animal kingdom. The social sciences will be integrated as they recognize the power of the human qualities to establish the meaning of the appearance of physical facts. Here we encounter all the dualities of human-nature including reason-instinct, metaphysics-physics, mind-body, thoughts-things, love-passion, subject-object, religion-science, etc. Thus we are completely related thru our positive human qualities to the soul, the Hierarchy and the Spiritual Order; and thru our negative, animal instincts to the kingdoms of nature. Thus also, subject-object represents the relation between the Son and Holy Ghost in the Christian Trinity or between God Immanent and God Transcendant in the solar system. Thus we must recognize everywhere these subtle, progressive, expanding interrelated expressions of the One Life. God Immanent: (1) atomic attraction; (2) sensation; (3) instinct; (4) personality quality; (5) universal love-wisdom (soul, Hierarchy). Each Kingdom reflects God Transcendent for the one behind it; and each functions as a duality to be synthesized, in this solar system, by the great Second Ray.

"There is frequently the theory of unfoldment and a mental grasp of the initiatory process before they are practised experimentally in the daily life and thus psychologically integrated into the practical expression of the living process on the physical plane. (p. 13)

The discrepancy between theory and practice lies primarily in the separation of subject from object in human consciousness. Today what people want to believe in their hearts (faith) bears little relation to what they think they know in their minds (knowledge). They feel in a world of human quality and think in a world of physical facts. Heart and mind will gradually be integrated as we begin to understand the qualities of the soul in terms of the facts of the senses and vice versa. Then we shall be able to express the needs of the body (economics) in terms of the heart and mind (religion, education); likewise our psychological needs will be expressed in terms of business, industry and finance. Materialism will end and money will be spent not only for the body but to sustain the whole human organism. The social sciences will then control the physical, instead of the reverse situation which exists today. We shall be able to understand the economics and politics of a resurgent

nationalism throughout the world, in terms of the impact of human values on physical facts.

Intellect must be unfolded before the intuition can be correctly evoked... The four energies of the lower self—atomic energy, vital energy, feeling energy and mental energy—plus the two energies of the soul, make the six energies used by man in his life experience; but the energy of the atom is usually not counted as a human energy as it is uniform in its usage in all forms of life in all kingdoms and therefore man is regarded as a sum total of five and not of six energies.” (pp. 68-9).

It is highly instructive to look at our present science, education and religion in the light of these universal energies. None of the six can exist for a moment in the human organism without the other five. All of them have their Sources in the highest metaphysics. Although science has released the negative energy of several atoms, it knows nothing of their positive nuclei or their relation to the other five energies. Our social sciences deal only with the instinctive aspects of physical intelligence; there has been little research into the human qualities which are now largely intuitive and emotional. Religion rests on love and faith in the spiritual potential of these qualities. The working relations between the animal, human and spiritual factors in human nature are all unknown. What we call human “knowledge” is mainly animal knowledge, closely related to the standard of living.

Indeed the meaning of the six human energies does not, and cannot, appear until the progressive relations between them are enveloped in a universal love, interpreted by the soul and understood in terms of the coming evolution of mankind. The condition of the world indicates that the hope of humanity lies rather in its spiritual ignorance than in its so-called human “knowledges.” Intelligence and reason have not yet been applied to the duality of human-nature; to the qualities which relate us to the coming evolution and the Kingdom of God; to the basic eastern doctrines of karma and reincarnation which control cause and effect throughout the range of human evolution. The net result is a profound spiritual ignorance.

“The qualities of goodness are so-called because they are, in essence, the energies controlling group relations; the powers

called superhuman are fundamentally the powers which express group activity and the virtues are only effects of group life, rightly handled, which are attempting to express themselves on the physical plane. The growing science of social relations, of social responsibility or coordinated civic life, of scientific economics and of human inter-relations, the steadily developing sense of internationalism or religious unity and of economic interdependence are all of them indications of the energies of soul life upon the physical plane and within the human family." (p. 86)

The importance of this statement for disciples and aspirants lies in the fact that these human aspects of human nature are now generated primarily out of love, in the heart center. They are emotional, intuitive and therefore inarticulate. They are expressed not with the aid and cooperation of the human intellect, but usually in spite of it. The intellect today is essentially objective, scientific and utilitarian. It is sure of its so-called facts but not at all sure of its human values. The hundred or more qualities that make us human are rarely even discussed in intellectual circles. They belong in the domain of faith, belief and intuition which, for the "practical" men who dominate our social institutions, are not quite respectable. All this will change completely as the New Group of World Servers becomes better adjusted to the subtle environment generated by our time and place in human evolution. Among the generations of tomorrow, historians of the twentieth century will know that those now in control of human affairs, although objectively awake, were subjectively like little, sleeping children.

"The moment a man identifies himself with his soul and not with his form, then he understands the meaning of the Law of Sacrifice; he is spontaneously governed by it; and he is one who will, with deliberate intent, choose to die. But there is no pain, no sorrow and no real death involved . . . This urge to sacrifice, to relinquish this for that, to choose one way or line of conduct and thus sacrifice another way, to lose in order to eventually gain — such is the underlying story of evolution. This needs psychological understanding. It is a governing principle of life itself and runs like a golden pattern of beauty through the dark materials of which human history is constructed." (pp. 94 and 97).

Sacrifice means giving, which is love in action. In the dense, objective world of the physical senses, sacrifice appears as loss.

However, when the sense of identity is focussed in the subtle world of quality and meaning, love repays the loss a hundred fold. Sacrifice becomes joy, freedom and the approach to Reality. We have to lose the object in order to find the subject. The gain is eternal but the apparent loss is transitory. It has been the job of this writer to produce, in the past decade, the literature which induced men of means to give many millions for the building of churches, colleges, hospitals and other social institutions. These men, often reputed to be hard-boiled materialists, get more joy out of giving their money away than they do in accumulating it. They do not know it, but they are following the universal pattern set by our whole planetary Life. Everything in nature gives, that man may live and grow. The minerals of the earth sacrifice their lives to sustain the plants, trees and flowers. They, in turn, give us their perfume, beauty and color or give up their lives to feed man and animal. Where would our precious standard of living be without the free gift of the earth's minerals from which it is fabricated? The fact is that man has *hardly begun, as yet, to think about the Causes which generate all that he is or has or does.* For those who think at all, there is no room in life for anything but love. Is not life itself a free gift from God? "*All things come of Thee, oh Lord; and of Thine Own have we given Thee!*"

"The Law of Service is the expression of the energy of a great Life, Who, in cooperation with Him 'in Whom we live and move and have our being' is subjecting the human family to certain influences and streams of energy which will eventually do three things: (1) Awaken the heart center in all aspirants and disciples; (2) Enable emotionally polarized humanity to function intelligently in the mind; (3) Transfer the energy of the solar plexus into the heart." (p. 122)

Spiritual service is the automatic expression of soul consciousness. This means a clear mental grasp of ourselves as planetary beings who synthesize the meaning of mankind and nature; who consciously relate the four manifested kingdoms to the Hierarchy. In the heart center, all the hundred or more human qualities are fused, universalized and understood *as aspects of planetary love*, (the Second Ray, Christ Consciousness). This knowledge of our planetary identity, once gained, is as irrevocable and final as the fusion of hydrogen and oxygen into water; it is the same event on a much higher level. Those who have a list of the human qualities and study it, can easily sense the powerful vibratory attraction

between them. Once we are free from the glamour and illusion of personal identity, the heart center rapidly takes over control of these qualities from the solar plexus.

"Service is a life demonstration . . . It is the outstanding characteristic of the soul just as desire is the outstanding characteristic of the lower nature. It is group desire just as in the lower nature it is personality desire. It is the urge to group good." (p. 125).

Until we have begun to escape from the human condition, it is difficult to realize what a pathetic little creature the human being really is in the light of the magnitude of the solar system, the galaxies of stars and the infinity of the cosmos. Man often senses this magnitude when he looks up at the night sky; but he measures it in terms of time, form and space. Rarely, as yet, does he *conceive the universe subjectively*, as the lowest expression of those exalted Beings Who generate it. The group desire of the soul is the first, conscious expression in the human kingdom of his subjective identity with Them. It is his first glimpse of the shattering truth that he is, indeed, within himself, the universe — all of it. *Without service, he cannot be what he is!*

Our Greatest Need

All our efforts at transforming the environment of man, from the outside and by the intellect and its products, have brought us to a precipice and a vicious circle. We are being overcome by the shadow of our greatest and most prized achievements.

The one basic cause is, I must repeat, that we have betrayed both the creative power within (the God within) and the love that Christ came to release into the world. We have lost creative vision and the "people perish". We seek to be "bigger and better" men, spread out over more space, and "fatter" from having absorbed all we could grab for ourselves, rather than determining, with courage, emotional positiveness and will, to become more-than-men. And we dare not trust in love. Our collective need is great indeed. Only individuals can solve it, who are ready to stand alone; who are ready, willingly and consciously, to assume the responsibilities facing any creative person through whom spirit acts as a

ray of light, and, if need be, fire; ready to be an oasis of inner peace and a spontaneous outflow of love in the desert of dry intellectuality and social compromise.

... When man becomes hypnotized by the problem of how to keep the circumference of his personality or society intact, strong and superficially adorned, he increasingly loses the realization of, and even faith in, the power at *the center*. In his worship of an extroverted normality and of externalized social and economic success, man comes to deny that which can only be found at the core of personality — the divine Creative Self — and of society — the divine release of vision and power that has ensouled his civilization . . . This is materialism and there may be no recovery from this blight, this “sin against the Holy Ghost”, against this creative spirit, which it is man’s essential destiny to bring to an effective focus on this earth.

Yet I, for one, believe that it is not too late. A radical cure is possible. Healing forces are at work, even in the midst of our mounting national and international crisis. Not in spite of the crisis, but *because* of the crisis. A total crisis means either death or spiritual victory and rebirth. A total crisis can mean a total “catharsis” — release, dissolution then reintegration. Reintegration demands a new focus for integration. Essentially, there is only one basic focus for integration: a new image of God, and of man in relation to God. This new image is modern man’s greatest need.

Dane Rudhyar in “Fire out of the Stone”.

Seeds for Greater Living. March, 1958.

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“I’m saying that peace and joy is within everyone’s province. I’m saying that our essential being is godlike. I’m saying that there are no limitations, either to thought or to action. I’m saying that we’re one, not many Why is everything so complicated, so difficult, so obscure, so unsatisfactory? Because we have made ourselves the center of the universe, because we want everything to work out as we wish it. What we need to discover is what *it* wishes, call *it* life, mind, God, whatever you please.”

Henry Miller

in “A Devil in Paradise”

Planetary Alignment and the Great Invocation

By

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We are familiar enough with the idea that some measure of personality integration is essential for the successful carrying forward of any substantial enterprise or activity. The flowering of the personality, its integration into a coordinated and functioning whole is one of the major achievements of the evolutionary process. It precedes the reversing of the wheel and the treading of the Path. This we presume must hold good for any unit of life, and apply in its own way equally to the "Man in the Heavens" as to the human monads.

It is of the deepest significance and interest therefore to find the Great Invocation described as a "Planetary Alignment Exercise" and as the supreme means of relating the three major planetary centres — Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity. This gives it an importance far beyond that which we normally attach to it, which is in relation to the human kingdom. Just as the ordinary man who lacks real alignment and integration is virtually incapable of certain activities, has limited possibilities for understanding, and is the possessor of a defect which may easily throw him off balance at one level or another, so may it be in His own way with one of the "Men in the Heavens". Thus humanity by its achievement can unquestionably contribute to a planetary integration that at the very least will be solar in its effect, and will probably have even wider repercussions.

To those who may question such a statement, considering it speculative in the extreme, one would point out the results that can flow from the defect of one member of an integrated group engaged in a united work. Not only may the defective brother upset *group balance and coordination* but he may provide a channel for the entry of negative force which will seriously hinder group growth, and effectiveness in service in relation to the wider environment of the community and world. It has often seemed unreasonable that man should in the past have arrogated to himself a role of great importance in the Cosmos. Could it not be that this is a distorted but nevertheless substantial reaction to a real attention focussed on this

“planet of pain” by its brothers in the heavens, and arise from an unconscious recognition of the importance of humanity’s role at this time in planetary, solar and cosmic evolution?

The view that we are living in the most momentous period in world history is given added weight by the statement that there is a symbol by the side of the Great Invocation indicating the time at which it should be possible for it to be used by humanity. It is now in use and the Tibetan Master has said that this symbol indicates that the evolutionary progress of the human race is “on time”.

Alignment necessarily implies the free flow of energy along an unimpeded channel. In this case it also means the synthetic relationship and joint expression of the three main aspects of divinity — Will, Love-Wisdom and Active Intelligence. It means the possibility of establishing a “new kingdom on earth” (the externalisation of the Hierarchy, the kingdom of Souls), and summarising all these momentous steps, the hinted at possibility that the planet earth may be nearing the end of its cycle as an “imperfect God”.

This then in brief is part of the broader picture in which human invocation has its part. These presumably are some of the factors of which the Hierarchy are cognisant as they use the Great Invocation. And we are reminded that not a day passes but that the Christ sounds forth His Mantram.

When the Tibetan states, as he does on many occasions, that the distribution of the Great Invocation and instructing humanity in its use, is one of our most important tasks in the work of preparation for the reappearance of the Christ, to which all Hierarchical effort is geared at this time, he was making a remark of such simplicity that many of us might have missed the significance. At this period of the Gemini Full Moon and World Invocation Day, we could reflect on these things and ask ourselves one very simple question. If this means anything to me, how much am I contributing to this supremely important Hierarchical enterprise?



Space Men, Spiritually Considered

What happens to Christianity if a traveling spaceman one day leaves his rocket ship, takes a stroll through the celestial parks, and ends up having tea with a green-bearded, triple-bellied inhabitant of outer space? In the *Christian Herald*, theology-centered Author C. S. (The *Screwtape Letters*) Lewis weighs the question, points out that it might challenge a basic tenet of Christianity — man's uniqueness. Inveterate Theologian Lewis, a Cambridge professor of literature and a convert (1930) from well-bred skepticism to the Church of England, states the problem thus: "If we find ourselves to be but one among a million races, scattered through a million spheres, how can we, without absurd arrogance, believe ourselves to have been uniquely favored?"

Having defied gravity and undertaken such theological speculation before (via his fictional trilogy: *Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra*, *That Hideous Strength*), Explorer Lewis quickly comes to the heart of space theology: If man is not unique, what of Christ's human incarnation and man's redemption through him? Suggests Lewis: redemption may be possible through other means than "birth at Bethlehem, the cross on Calvary and the empty tomb . . . To different diseases, or different patients sick with the same disease, the great Physician may have applied different remedies." Or else outer-world species might not be fallen, hence not require redemption at all.

What would happen, asks Lewis, if space travelers from earth discover an unfallen race? "At first, to be sure, they'd have a grand time jeering at, duping and exploiting its innocence; but I doubt if our half-animal cunning would long be a match for godlike wisdom, selfless valor and perfect unanimity." Still, "against them we shall, if we can, commit all the crimes we have already committed against creatures certainly human but differing from us in features and pigmentation; and the starry heavens will become an object . . . of intolerable guilt." Earth missionaries might try to force on "creatures that did not need to be saved that plan of Salvation which God has appointed for Man." Pleads Lewis: "You and I should resolve to stand firm against all exploitation and all theological imperialism. Our loyalty is due not to our species but to God. Those who are, or can become, His sons, are our real brothers, even if they have shells or tusks . . . It is spiritual kinship that counts."

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The Cerebral Control of Power

By
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In many countries which employ electricity as a motive force, the distribution of power through the medium of cables and transmission lines takes place over a completely integrated and interconnected network or grid. The centralisation and total interconnection of the distribution network enables energy to be efficiently switched and directed in accordance with the varying requirements of consumers in many locations. In order that various potentials and quantities of power might be supplied throughout the system, it is obvious that generating, transforming and switching substations would have to be placed at strategic points in the grid. Furthermore, it can be seen that a central control hub and directing authority would be necessary to supervise and integrate distribution.

A very useful analogy exists between a modern electrical distribution network and the human etheric web.

The method of centralised authoritative control and supervision is of course an ideal system which is in practice only evolved out of many preamble experimental arrangements which shape themselves during the evolutionary progression and development of the grid. In relation to the human vital sheath, we give the term "Heart" to any of the foci of emerging control systems whether they are of a rudimentary nature or of the more centralised cranial cavity variety. The etheric centers located in the spine, and those minor nodes distributed over the torso area for impelling the tensivity of constructions, might be likened to switching and substations, whilst the Centers in the Head relate to the system network diagram which the controller of the super-grid must have constantly in view if power requirements throughout the web are to be adequately dealt with.

Thus we can appreciate that Heart is a general and relative term, and although there is union (within the second aspect of the Law of Three) between the separately considered Hearts, the term in general application evolves with the ascent in consciousness. For convenience in mentation we might consider the three major Hearts emerging during man's ascent in awareness as being the Solar Plexus, the Heart Center in the spine, and the Heart Center in the

head. The Law which unites the awakening realisations of the aspects of Heart might be stated thus —

An upgrading of the working point in Being, leads to a dilation of penetration in Essence in order that Essence may always inform Being with a superpotential.

Taken as an aggregate, the united forces of the personality were termed by Patanjali "The Power of the Elephant". They include the capacities of physique and physiological functioning, and Kamamanasic aspects of the emotional and mental stratas which have been appropriated by the "I" centered consciousness. Thus it is quite possible to "feel" and "think with one's bowels", or in terms of the abdominal cavity with its associated centers. The synthesising node for these lower-man operations is the solar-plexus chakra, the importance of which was emphasised by Leonardo da Vinci in his well known "squaring the circle" drawing, and which was commented upon by the Roman Collegian as follows —

"For if a man be placed flat on his back, with his hands and feet extended, and a pair of compasses centered at his navel, the fingers and toes of his two hands and feet will touch the circumference of a circle described therefrom."

That the Solar Plexus center is a clearing point for relating the "Power of the Elephant" to the needs of the spiritual man is evidenced also by the importance which this literal "center of gravity" plays in Zen Judo when it is cited as a pivotal point about which many operations take place, not only relative to the dense form, but also to the important science of *Moral* Judo. Significant as the Solar Plexus is as the first major "Heart", in relation to the electrical network symbol, it might be likened to only a first stage centralisation of separate power undertakings into one district.

The second stage centralisation would be the uniting of various districts under one area authority, and esoterically this takes place when the many states of acting "I" consciousness, characteristic of Solar Plexus axes operations, are centralised and resolved under the group synthetic directive of the spinal Heart Center proper. The complete transformation in human emotional functioning which this represents is only achieved as a positive thoracic realisation after being subjected to many environmental community

pressures and experiments in living which involve group workings of varying sizes and orders.

As these gradual transformation processes take place, we are developing a progressive grasp of the vast available human mechanism, the requisite controls and skills being wrestled from within the perversions and chaos of the nadir of involution. The awakening of the spinal Heart Center leads to the establishing of the principle of Antahkarana in the human consciousness. This renovates the foundations of existence. As the human centers turn upward towards the Light, and Power fills the Chalice, so will the human communal wheel reversal ensue. Each action of creativity and co-operative linked striving adds momentum to the acceleration of transmutation. Each additive human bond with the supermundane further cements the Fourth link with Essence, and the root of becoming. The symbol of the potencies of the human vertebral Heart Center is the twelve petalled lotus with its implied planetary systemic and cosmic harmonics.

The final stage centralisation of the consciousness of Heart is into the head, and the attainment of this step involves an adding to the already gained realisations, a working appreciation of the significances of Will, Purpose and Direction, the symbol of which is the triple flame of Cosmic Fire. Here at this stage in growth, it is not a case of opening a completely new center, as of becoming in consciousness a synthesis of awareness through which it is possible to direct the system requirements with consummate skill and accuracy. Thus the Heart Center in the head is but a diagrammatic center actualised in the cranial cavity along with other system network lines and substations data, where the Observer might read the signs of the Plan indications and act as in conformity to Design. In practical terms, this implies a *levee en masse* of the personality mechanism into the supreme striving of the Great Service. As far as the human personality system allows on a Three World Level, this marks maximum efficiency in Power working. As The Master Morya has remarked — "Creation through the integrated Heart attracts all power".

The laborer is worthy of his hire, and he who works within the vortex of Antahkarana will find the miraculous amongst the day-to-day circumstances of usual procedure. When the focus of personality attention is being directed into Aquarian constructions by impetus of the Will, the denizens of Fire lend aid on all sides.

Amidst pressure from the throng, in the heat of city locations, the touch of Power guides, directs and supplies the daily requirements of the server. The factual economy of Hierarchy might be realised and precipitated in a flash of thought.

Contracting for the purpose of Power working, is a full time occupation. Here it is that esotericism and service cease to become mere pastimes or fascinating hobbies. Acting in full conscious realisation of our calling, we might employ our equipment, tools and plans. Linking with the Supergrid we might set up the plant on the site of tangible labor and construction.

Only by *Being* will the *Doing* be possible and effective.

Processes and Symbols of the Zodiac

La Très Sainte Trinosophie is divided into twelve sections . . . The grand pattern for the whole document is the Zodiac, to the signs of which the twelve sections of the writing are related. The Zodiac is the great soul cycle and the sun's passage through the zodiacal symbols is the original from which the ancient priest-crafts derive the authority for their sacred circumambulations. The ancients accepted the first sign of the Zodiac as the beginning, and the last sign as the end of all mundane activity. Similarly, Aries typified the beginning of regeneration or the entrance of the soul into light at the vernal equinox of the philosophic cycle, while Pisces signified the completion of the sacred pilgrimage and the accomplishment of the Magnum Opus (p. 106).

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The arrangement of these symbols and processes differs in minor degree among the various writers, but the principle is always the same — *the transmutation of the not-Self into the Self; the tincturing of the outer life with the inner grace; the projection of soul upon its physical environment; the sublimation of evil into good; the multiplication of beauty, love, and truth until finally the power of projection (wisdom) shall tincture the whole world.* (p. 108).

The Most Holy Trinosophia
(*The Three-fold Wisdom*) of the Comte de St.-Germain.

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